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SUBJECT: ABC REFUSED PERMISSION TO TRANSMIT DONALD WOODS
INTERVIEW

1. SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS OF JAN. 5 REPORTED THAT THE SOUTH
AFRICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY DENIED SATELLITE FACILITIES
TO THE AMERICAN BROADCASTING COMPANY TO TRANSMIT TO THE
UNITED STATES AN INTERVIEW WITH EXILD EDITOR DONALD WOODS
FILMED IN MASERU. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, SABC'S LEGAL
ADVISERS HAD WARNED AGAINST TRANSMITTING THE INTERVIEW
SINCE IT MIGHT CONSTITUTE PUBLISHING A STATEMENT BY A
BANNED PERSON.

2. CHARLES GATES AT ABC OFFICE IN JOHANNESBURG CONFIRMED
TO THE EMBASSY DETAILS OF STORY AS PUBLISHED. HE ADDED
THE SABC ACTION HAD RESULTED IN 24-HOUR DELAY IN
SCREENING OF INTERVIEW IN U.S. SINCE FILM HAD TO BE
FLOWN TO LONDON FOR TRANSMISSION. GATES SAID ABC
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HAD REQUESTED AND WAS AWAITING DETERMINATION FROM
SABC ON WHETHER THEIR DECISION IN THIS CASE WOULD
ALSO BE POLICY IN FUTURE SIMILAR CASES. GATES HAS
REQUESTED ABC HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER SABC ACTION VIOLATED ANY INTERNATIONAL TREATIES
OR AGREEMENTS, AND SAID THAT ABC WOULD PROBABLY
CONTACT THE STATE DEPARTMENT IN THIS REGARD.BOWDLER

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